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OGC- 747

Chief, I&SS

6 March 1950

Assistant General Counsel for Covert Affairs

Investigative Activities of CIA with I&N Service

1. It has come to the attention of the undersigned that your Special Agents, in checking the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, have had suggested to them that they may wish to check the files of the FBI. It is reasonably obvious that the I&N file in question had reports from the FBI in it. It is equally obvious that I&N has been instructed by the FBI not to show such reports of the FBI to CIA.

2. For your information, Mr. Houston and the undersigned have been questioned by I&N whether or not they may show classified reports of CIA to FBI agents. Upon checking this matter with OSO, which distributes such reports, I&N has been advised that since the FBI receives copies of all such reports there is no objection whatsoever to I&N showing such reports to FBI agents. You will note that the query and answer were limited to reports from CIA. I have discussed with [REDACTED] the question of CIA requests to I&N for action of one type or another. [REDACTED] stated that the type of memoranda which I take up with him are not made available to the FBI agents.

3. In connection with the above, it is suggested that consideration be given by your office, as a security matter, to a more formal procedure concerning documents made available to I&N. It is possible that an appropriate stamp should be affixed to all documents from CIA to I&N which should not be made available to any other agency. Also, certain documents may be stamped to indicate that they may be shown to FBI and no other agencies. In any event the matter is presented for your consideration since it would appear it is of primary concern to your office.

4. There have been conversations between you and the undersigned concerning I&N marking Secret or Confidential files which are viewed by your Special Agents. You have indicated some concern over such marking. Mr. [REDACTED] is awaiting further word from the undersigned concerning this problem. However, the matter has not been taken up since the original inquiry as you indicated that you wished to discuss the matter personally with Mr. [REDACTED].

5. It seems desirable to this office that you or your Staff review the existing procedures in I&N relative to classified files. Such matters as I&N indicating to the FBI that in a particular case they may wish to check with CIA should be given thought from the security standpoint. We shall be pleased to discuss this problem with you at your convenience. We may be of some assistance through our knowledge of the procedures and individuals involved.

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I&N Liaison (JSW)

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